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AFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE ON MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of monuments damaged in various parts of Gujarat and other parts of the country due to massive earthquake on January 26, 2001;

(b) whether the Union Government have sent any expert team to the affected States to assess the extent of damage caused to each such monuments; (

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether restoration plan has been chalked out in regard to these damaged monuments ;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the amount required for their restoration, monument - wise ;

(f) the time by which the restoration plan is likely to be implemented; and
(g) the measures taken/being taken to protect the monuments from earthquake in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) The number of centrally protected monuments that have suffered damage of varying magnitude due to the massive earthquake in Gujarat on January 26, 2001 are as below :-

(i) Gujarat - 50

(ii) Rajasthan - 1

(iii) Union Territory
Diu & Daman - 2

(b) and (c) Two Directors from the Archaeological Survey of India have inspected the damaged monuments at Ahmedabad, Delmal, Modhera, Patan and Sarkhej in Gujarat .

(d), (e) and (f) The damage to the centrally protected monuments has been assessed and as per present indication an amount of over Rs. 2 crore will be required for their conservation. The time frame required for their restoration would be approximately two years. Measures have been initiated to stabilise the sensitive portions of the affected monuments and to salvage the architectural members.

(g) The centrally protected monuments are conserved and preserved as per archaeological norms. As and when considered necessary, expert opinion is sought for the analytical study of the sensitive monuments and the recommendations implemented, if feasible. The UNESCO has deputed an expert to study the earthquake affected monuments of Gujarat.